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Shhh! Teacher to be surprised with award, gift tomorrow

OfficeMax to honor Golden Empire teacher on 'A Day Made Better'; students to be surprised, too

WHAT: Golden Empire Elementary School teacher Renee Mondzak will receive a surprise visit from OfficeMax to award her \$1,000 worth of classroom supplies as part of the annual *A Day Made Better* advocacy program.

To ensure that Ms. Mondzak is surprised, the school is holding a fire drill at 10:30 a.m. Once all students are on the blacktop, an OfficeMax truck will pull up with the supplies.

Ms. Mondzak will be among 1,000 teachers nationally nominated by their principals for OfficeMax supplies because of their extraordinary efforts in the classroom.

WHEN: Tuesday, October 2, 2012 at 10:30 a.m.
Media to check at school front office
Surprise event at 10:30 a.m. (students will be assembled but they won't know about the surprise)

WHERE: Golden Empire Elementary School
9045 Canberra Drive, Sacramento

WHY: To the average American teacher, “back to school” means spending \$1,000 out of pocket on essential classroom supplies. OfficeMax and AdoptAClassroom.org joined together to create *A Day Made Better* in an effort to help ease the financial burden for deserving teachers. Selected teachers were nominated by their principals for demonstrating passion, dedication and innovation in the classroom.

IMPACT: Since 2007, *A Day Made Better* and other OfficeMax Goodworks programs have contributed more than \$18 million in grants and supplies to support more than 29,000 teachers and their classrooms. Additionally, through the annual event, OfficeMax has helped its nonprofit partner AdoptAClassroom.org secure funding for more than 78,000 classrooms nationwide. Learn more at ADayMadeBetter.com or adopt a teacher at AdoptAClassroom.org.

INTERVIEW / PHOTO OPPS:

- Capture the “surprise” moment as their students cheer for them while they receive \$1,000 in classroom supplies
- Learn from Principal Irene Eister the impact Ms. Mondzak has on their students

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